

Exhibit A

Certification under Guidelines

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF PUERTO RICO**

In re:

THE FINANCIAL OVERSIGHT AND
MANAGEMENT BOARD FOR PUERTO RICO,

as representative of

THE COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO, *et al.*,

Debtors.¹

PROMESA

Title III

Case No. 17-BK-3283-LTS

(Jointly Administered)

In re:

THE FINANCIAL OVERSIGHT AND
MANAGEMENT BOARD FOR PUERTO RICO,

as representative of

PUERTO RICO PUBLIC BUILDINGS
AUTHORITY,

Debtor.

PROMESA

Title III

Case No. 19-BK-5523-LTS

**This Application relates only to
PBA, and shall be filed in the
lead Case No. 17-BK-3283-LTS,
and PBA's Title III Case (Case
No. 19-BK-5523-LTS)**

**CERTIFICATION UNDER GUIDELINES
FOR FEES AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR PROFESSIONALS
IN RESPECT OF SEVENTH INTERIM FEE APPLICATION OF
PROSKAUER ROSE LLP FOR COMPENSATION FOR SERVICES
RENDERED AS ATTORNEYS FOR THE FINANCIAL OVERSIGHT AND
MANAGEMENT BOARD FOR PUERTO RICO, AS TITLE III REPRESENTATIVE
OF THE DEBTOR, THE PUERTO RICO PUBLIC BUILDINGS AUTHORITY,
FOR THE PERIOD OCTOBER 1, 2021 THROUGH MARCH 15, 2022**

¹ The Debtors in these Title III Cases, along with each Debtor's respective Title III case number and the last four (4) digits of each Debtor's federal tax identification number, as applicable, are the (i) Commonwealth of Puerto Rico (Bankruptcy Case No. 17-BK-3283-LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 3481); (ii) Puerto Rico Sales Tax Financing Corporation ("COFINA") (Bankruptcy Case No. 17-BK-3284-LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 8474); (iii) Puerto Rico Highways and Transportation Authority ("HTA") (Bankruptcy Case No. 17-BK-3567-LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 3808); (iv) Employees Retirement System of the Government of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico ("ERS") (Bankruptcy Case No. 17-BK-3566-LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 9686); (v) Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority ("PREPA") (Bankruptcy Case No. 17-BK-4780-LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 3747); and (vi) Puerto Rico Public Buildings Authority ("PBA") (Bankruptcy Case No. 19-BK-5523-LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 3801) (Title III case numbers are listed as Bankruptcy Case numbers due to software limitations).

Pursuant to (a) the *United States Trustee Guidelines for Reviewing Applications for Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses Filed under 11 U.S.C. § 330 by Attorneys in Larger Chapter 11 Cases* issued by the Executive Office for the United States Trustee, 28 CFR Part 58, Appendix B (the “Guidelines”), together with the Local Rule 2016–1, and (b) the order dated June 26, 2019 [ECF No. 7678], the undersigned, a Partner of the firm Proskauer Rose LLP (“Proskauer”), attorneys for the Financial Oversight and Management Board for Puerto Rico (the “Oversight Board”) as Title III representative of the Puerto Rico Public Buildings Authority (the “Debtor”), pursuant to section 315(b) of the *Puerto Rico Oversight, Management, and Economic Stability Act* (“PROMESA”),² hereby certifies with respect to (a) Proskauer’s seventh interim application for allowance of compensation for services with respect to the Debtor’s Title III case, dated June 16, 2023 (the “Application”),³ for the period from October 1, 2021 through and including March 15, 2022 (the “Compensation Period”) and (b) the Court’s order dated June 26, 2019 [ECF No. 7678] requiring rate notices as follows:⁴

1. I am the professional designated by Proskauer in respect of compliance with the Guidelines and Local Rule 2016–1.

2. I make this certification in support of the Application for interim compensation and reimbursement of expenses incurred during the Compensation Period in accordance with the Guidelines and Local Rule 2016–1.

² PROMESA has been codified in 48 U.S.C. §§ 2101-2241.

³ Capitalized terms used but not defined herein have the meanings given to them in the Application.

⁴ Pursuant to paragraph 2.c.2 of the Court’s order dated June 26, 2019 [Case No. 17-3283, ECF No. 7678], Proskauer gave notice of the rate increase applicable to this Compensation Period by filing its Engagement Letter on the ECF System and providing a sworn certification, attached to Proskauer’s First and Third interim applications as Exhibit A [Case No. 17-3283, ECF Nos. 12835 and 16150]. In addition, on December 9, 2021, Proskauer filed the *Notice of Annual Hourly Rate Adjustment Pursuant to Engagement Letter, Dated November 25, 2016, of Proskauer Rose LLP, as Attorneys for the Financial Oversight and Management Board for Puerto Rico* [Case No. 17-3283, ECF No. 19457], providing additional notice of Proskauer’s automatic 2022 rate adjustment pursuant to the Engagement Letter.

3. In respect of the Guidelines and Local Rule 2016–1, I certify that:
 - a. I have read the Application;
 - b. to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief formed after reasonable inquiry, the fees and disbursements sought fall within the Guidelines;
 - c. except to the extent (i) that fees or disbursements are prohibited by the Guidelines or (ii) Proskauer agreed to provide discounts to its usual rates in connection with its representation of the Oversight Board, the fees and disbursements sought are billed at rates in accordance with practices customarily employed by Proskauer and generally accepted by Proskauer’s clients; and
 - d. in providing a reimbursable service, Proskauer does not make a profit on that service, where the service is performed by Proskauer in house or through a third party.⁵

4. I certify that Proskauer has previously provided monthly statements of Proskauer’s fees and disbursements by filing and serving monthly statements in accordance with the Interim Compensation Order (as defined in the Application), except that completing reasonable and necessary internal accounting and review procedures may have, at times, precluded filing fee statements within the time periods specified in the Interim Compensation Order.

Dated: June 16, 2023
San Juan, Puerto Rico

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Ehud Barak

⁵ Proskauer also employs e-discovery attorneys who are billed at \$421 per hour from October 1 through December 31, 2021 and \$438 per hour from January 1 through March 15, 2022. Like other attorneys, and consistent with past Compensation Periods, e-discovery attorneys are billed at a flat hourly rate and these fees are not treated as reimbursable third party expenses.

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